

Methods

Discussion

A number of correlation studies have demonstrated low levels of phonological awareness

stage in the research the results are suggestive but need greater development.

Clinical Implications

Although individually the results are only suggestive there are a number of important clinical implications from these studies. First, it is clear that including phonological awareness training in an intervention will certainly do no harm and will likely be at least minimally beneficial. It would be best to include simple activities that do not require a large amount of auditory information to be remembered as research has demonstrated that this is an area in which children with Down syndrome struggle (Cupples & Iacono, 2000). Results from Kennedy and Flynn (2002) suggest that using activities that explicitly link letters to their sounds may have the second